

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application, and subject to Restriction Requirement. The Examiner has required election of one of the following groups:

I. Claims 1-9, drawn to a computer-implemented method for updating a process recipe for a multilayer wafer,

II. Claims 10-22, drawn to a method of controlling a characteristic of a wafer in a CMP operation, and

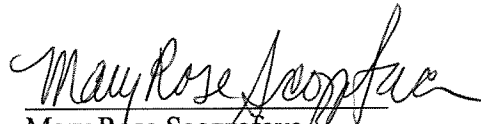
III. Claims 23-30, drawn to an apparatus for polishing a wafer in a CMP operation

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-9, without traverse. Claims 10-22 and 23-30 are withdrawn from consideration at this time. Applicant reserves the option to prosecute withdrawn claims in subsequent applications.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. No fees are believed to be due at this time. However, please charge any fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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